

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7006

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A RESOLUTION to commend and honor the University
School girls' cross country teams.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize and commend those successful athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the University School girls' middle school and high school cross country teams, led by Co-Head Coaches Emily Skelton and Gene Cahill, along with Coach Sean Hoyle, are two such estimable teams that evince great sportsmanship and athletic excellence in all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the highly accomplished and athletically gifted young women of the University School high school girls' cross country team have elated their many fans this season by winning the first cross country state championship in school history; and

WHEREAS, in addition to winning the A-AA State Championship, the University School high school girls' cross country team captured both the prestigious Watauga Conference Championship and the Region 1 A-AA Championship; and

WHEREAS, these are especially remarkable achievements considering that the team ran with a roster almost entirely made up of underclassmen; the girls' high school team consists of three eighth-graders, two freshmen, one sophomore, and one lone senior, Brittany Galloway, who provided leadership; and

WHEREAS, one member in particular of the high school team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2005 season; Stephannie Davenport, with a time of 19:14, won the first individual A-AA Cross Country State Championship in school history; her win at the regional meet at Daniel Boone was also very impressive considering that her time of 18:41 was one of

the best times ever recorded on the 3K course; overall Ms. Davenport placed first in five meets in 2005, and was named All Conference, All Region, and All State; and

WHEREAS, also to be commended for their remarkable achievements are Leah Nelson, who earned a fifth place finish at the A-AA State Championship and was named All Region and All State, and Chelsea Owens, who was named All Conference, All Region, and All State following her fourteenth place finish at the A-AA State Championship; and

WHEREAS, with sixth grade girls making a strong addition, the future also seems bright for the University School middle school girls' cross country team, which earned first place finishes in four meets; two eighth grade team members who show exceptional promise, Chelsea Owens and Chelsea Wild, were promoted in October to compete as members of the high school team; and

WHEREAS, the remarkable young women who comprise the University School high school girls' cross country team are: Jennifer Border, Stephannie Davenport, Brittany Galloway, Rachel Kidd, Leah Merrick, Leah Nelson, and Ceci Poremsky; the following girls ran on the State team: Stephanie Davenport, Leah Nelson, Chelsea Owens, Brittany Galloway, Olivia Burke, Leah Merrick, and Chelsea Wild; and

WHEREAS, the following young women are proud members of the University School middle school girls' cross country team: Haley Anderson, Olivia Burke, Michelle Green, Michaela Gurbb, Chelsea Harmon, Sarah Mast, Chelsea Owens, Meagan Parker, Emily Rice, and Chelsea Wild; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause to honor these outstanding young women for their remarkable achievements as individuals and as a team; their hard work, determination, and team unity have been justly rewarded with a state championship, among many other honors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Co-Head Coaches Emily Skelton and Gene Cahill, Coach Sean Hoyle, and the University School high school girls' cross country team upon winning the

Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A-AA State Championship, and wish them much continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we commend the University School middle school girls' cross country team upon an outstanding season and an even brighter future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.